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total potato stocks

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Storage stocks of Irish potatoes for all uses held by growers, local dealers and processors in fall producing areas totaled 96.0 million hundredweight on March 1, 1972, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 1 percent less than the 96.7 million cwt. on hand for all uses a year earlier, but 10 percent more than the 87.4 million on hand March 1, 1970.

Stocks in the eight eastern States, at 25.8 million cwt. were 4 percent above last year's holdings of 24.8 million cwt. Maine stocks of 21.0 million cwt. compare with 19.9 million cwt. on hand a year earlier. There were fewer potatoes on hand than a year earlier in Upstate New York, and in Pennsylvania, but Long Island supplies were larger.

March 1 stocks in the eight central States totaled 19.6 million cwt. this year, 16 percent more than the 16.9 million in 1971. Minnesota had 6.4 million cwt., compared with 4.6 million cwt. a year ago. North Dakota stocks were 7.5 million cwt. compared with 6.9 million cwt. last year. Stocks in Wisconsin of 2.7 million cwt. were 13 percent more than last year, but Michigan at 1.8 million cwt., was down 14 percent.

In the eight western States, March 1 holdings totaled 50.7 million cwt., down 8 percent from last year's 55.0 million cwt. Idaho stocks, of 33.5 million cwt. compare with 34.0 million cwt. a year earlier. Washington stocks, at 7.5 million cwt. were down 23 percent from 9.7 million cwt. a year earlier. March 1 stocks were below a year ago in each of the western States, except Wyoming.

Disappearance to March 1 from the 1971 fall production of 249.9 million cwt. totaled 153.9 million cwt., compared with 156.1 million cwt. for the 1970 crop and 151.1 million cwt. from the 1969 crop for corresponding periods. For the month of February disappearance this year of 25.8 thousand cwt. compares with 25.2 a year ago and 23.8 in February 1970.

Movement of the 1971 fall potato crop to fresh market and chippers through February 29, as indicated by rail and truck unloads, was less than a year earlier. More potatoes from the 1971 fall crop have been used for processing, excluding chips this year through February 29, 1972, than during the corresponding 1970-71 period.

Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes--including fresh market, processing, seed, and livestock feed has accounted for about 88 percent of the fall production in recent years. The balance of the crop disappearance is from shrinkage and waste and used for seed on farms where grown, livestock feed, and food.

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Fall Potatoes: Production, and total stocks, 1960-71

Year	Production	Total Stocks			
		December 1	January 1 following year	February 1 following year	March 1 following year
	1,000 cwt.				
1960	175,071	122,740	103,595	82,670	62,645
1961	204,235	145,020	122,215	96,120	72,960
1962 1/	194,875	135,745	115,770	91,970	70,250
1963	198,195	136,995	115,000	89,300	67,280
1964	174,491	114,550	94,205	73,120	54,535
1965	216,809	147,070	123,460	98,260	74,605
1966	227,787	152,640	127,380	103,040	79,517
1967	231,224	161,710	139,350	112,770	86,465
1968	220,786	152,800	130,430	104,915	81,900
1969	238,475	162,505	137,965	111,165	87,350
1970 2/	252,774	174,665	149,710	121,850	96,660
1971	249,895	173,160	148,050	121,760	96,000

1/ Seasonal groupings effective with 1962: All Idaho and Oregon classified as fall. In Colorado, all areas outside of San Luis Valley classified as late summer and the San Luis Valley as fall.
2/ Revised August 1971 Pot 6 (71).

Potatoes: Fall crop production and sales, 1965-71

Year	Production	Sold 1/	Percent sold
		1,000 cwt.	
1965	216,809	192,147	89
1966	227,787	191,329	84
1967	231,224	200,692	87
1968	220,786	194,738	88
1969	238,475	209,841	88
1970	252,774	222,674	88
1971	249,895	2/	

1/ Includes potatoes sold for all purposes--food, processing, seed and livestock feed.
2/ Available August, 1972 in Potato Disposition Report.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes held by growers and local dealers on March 1, 1971 and March 1, 1972 1/

State	Crop of 1970		Crop of 1971	
	Production	Total stocks Mar. 1, 1971	Production	Total stocks Mar. 1, 1972
	1,000 cwt.			
Maine	35,700	19,900	37,700	21,000
Connecticut	1,127	120	1,081	100
New York - L I.	6,291	800	5,290	1,050
- Upstate	8,684	1,900	7,935	1,500
Pennsylvania	8,280	1,800	8,165	1,750
Other States 2/	2,793	270	2,749	390
8 Eastern	62,875	24,790	62,920	25,790
Ohio	2,516	250	2,243	200
Michigan	7,566	2,100	6,785	1,800
Wisconsin	9,308	2,400	9,540	2,700
Minnesota	11,440	4,600	14,850	6,400
North Dakota	17,400	6,900	18,445	7,450
Nebraska	1,700	450	1,768	550
Other States 2/	2,309	170	2,639	460
8 Central	52,239	16,870	56,270	19,560
Montana	1,388	1,080	1,326	950
Idaho	74,660	34,000	75,850	33,500
Wyoming	612	110	703	180
Colorado	9,990	3,300	7,015	2,600
Utah	1,088	260	928	220
Washington	25,010	9,700	22,910	7,500
Oregon	15,408	3,950	13,998	3,150
California	9,504	2,600	7,975	2,550
8 Western	137,660	55,000	130,705	50,650
Total 24 Fall States	252,774	96,660	249,895	96,000

1/ Total stocks consist of "production less total disappearance to date".

2/ Eastern - New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.
Central - Indiana and South Dakota.

Population: Total and civilian, United States, 1965-71 and projected 1972

Year	Total including Armed Forces overseas		Civilian	
	January 1	July 1	January 1	July 1
	Millions			
1965	193.2	194.2	190.5	191.5
1966	195.5	196.5	192.6	193.3
1967	197.7	198.6	194.3	195.2
1968	199.7	200.6	196.3	197.0
1969	201.7	202.6	198.3	199.1
1970	203.8	204.8	200.4	201.6
1971	206.0	207.0	203.0	204.2
Projections				
1972	208.1	209.2	205.4	206.6

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Potatoes: Per capita civilian consumption, calendar years 1965-70

Year	Processed					Fresh use	Total fresh and processed 1/
	Canned	Dehydrated	Frozen	Chips and Shoestrings	Total		
	Pounds						
1965	.5	8.1	14.3	15.8	38.7	69.1	107.8
1966	.6	10.3	17.3	16.7	44.9	68.7	113.6
1967	.5	10.0	19.0	16.9	46.4	65.1	111.5
1968	.6	10.6	21.4	17.1	49.7	66.1	115.8
1969	.6	12.1	24.6	17.7	55.0	62.5	117.5
1970 2/	.7	12.8	27.8	17.7	59.0	59.6	118.6

1/ Based on total supplies of all potatoes available during the calendar year. Farm weight basis.

2/ Preliminary.